

CAE Use of English

Part 5: 'Key' Word Transformations

1) Comparative structures/adverbs

Changes from active to passive or passive to active are often required.

For Questions 1-6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the words given.

1. The rate of unemployment hasn't increased quite as much this year compared to previous years.

SLIGHTLY

This year the rate of unemployment has increased did in previous years.

2. It has rained much more in London over the 10 years than it has ever done in previous decades.

CONSIDERABLY

Over the last 10 years, the rainfall in London has in previous decades.

3. The comedian was less funny than the audience expected.

NEARLY

The comedian the audience expected.

4. Every time he talks about going on holiday I get really excited.

THE

The more he talks about going on holiday get.

5. What was much better than expected was the costume design.

EXCEEDED

What the costume design.

6. He wondered how likely it was that he would get top marks again.

CHANCES

He asked himself what top marks again.

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2) Expressions/common lexical patterns

For Questions 1-6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the words given.

1. Does he ever give you the impression that he would rather be talking to someone else?

FEELING

Do you everwould rather be talking to someone else?

2. Jenny's generosity means that people exploit her good nature.

ADVANTAGE

Jenny's soof her good nature.

3. She needs to consider the amount the holiday is going to cost.

ACCOUNT

She needsmuch the holiday is going to cost.

4. The speaker rambled on for ages before stating what the lecture was about.

POINT

It took ages for the speaker towhat the lecture was about.

5. We'd like to implement the idea immediately but we should wait a while.

PRACTICE

We'd like toimmediately but we should wait a while.

6. She's renowned for her expertise in human psychology.

FIELD

She's a renownedhuman psychology.

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3) Phrasal verbs

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1. Angela was full of anticipation about the party next week.

FORWARD

Angelathe party next week.

2. He'd been struggling to think of a really original birthday present.

COME

No matter how he triedwith an idea for a really original birthday present.

3. Her teacher said she wasn't progressing as well as other students with her assignments.

DANGER

Her teacher warned her that she wasbehind with her assignments.

4. David thought it unfair that his team resented him for not scoring a goal.

AGAINST

David thought it unfair that his team shouldfor not scoring a goal.

5. Holly decided that she'd ask to be transferred to another department.

REQUEST

Holly decided to puta transfer to another department.

6. We decided we wouldn't go with him to the airport after all.

SEE

We decided not tothe airport after all.

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4) Formal structures, including conditionals

For Questions 1-6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the words given.

1. Sandra would only go to the supermarket on a Saturday.

ON

Sandra to the supermarket on a Saturday..

2. The contract said that we didn't have to accept immediately.

OBLIGATION

The contract said that we were accept immediately.

3. He wouldn't have been interviewed by the police if he hadn't seen the robbery.

WITNESS

The police wouldn't have interviewed him had the robbery.

4. The paramedics were told that they should never place a human life at risk trying to rescue an animal.

CIRCUMSTANCES

The paramedics were warned that place a human life at risk trying to rescue an animal.

5. If you need any help please don't hesitate to ask.

ASSISTANCE

If I can please don't hesitate to ask.

6. If it has to be cancelled the show will place at a later date.

EVENT

In cancelled the show will take place at a later date.